

### **3: ACCEPTABLE INTERNET USE POLICY**

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- A.** Since the possession and distribution of obscene materials and child pornography are both illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia, patrons may not use library electronic equipment to access, view, download or print these materials. See (Code of Virginia Section 18.2-372 through 18.2-391.1; United States Code Title 18 Chapter 71 & 110).
- B.** Internet patrons are bound by local, state, and federal laws relating to copyrights, security, pornography, and other statutes regarding electronic media including but not limited to: The Privacy Protection Act; The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; The Computer Virus Eradication Act; The Virginia Computer Crimes Act; The Electronic Communications and Privacy Act; The U. S. Copyright Act; Credit Card Fraud Act; Child Internet Protection Act.
- C.** Patrons must respect the library's system security mechanisms. Computer settings and configurations are not to be changed. Patrons found tampering with computers will be denied further access to computer resources for a period of six months. With the exception of headphones, hardware and software other than that provided by the Library cannot be attached to or used with Library computers. This includes but is not limited to, MP3 Players, digital cameras and laptop computers. Patrons must not willfully damage any computer equipment or software. This includes the use of these computers for the purpose of hacking into computer networks which violates state and federal laws. See (Code of Virginia Section 18.2-138).
- D.** Patrons must respect the privacy of other Internet users. Patrons disrupting others as they work at the public access computers will be asked to leave.
- E.** The York County Public Library complies with the copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code). Unauthorized copying of computer software, DVDs or CDs, whether by staff or customers, is an infringement of that law and is not allowed on Library computers.
- F.** Failure to comply with the York County Public Library Computer & Internet policy will result in a loss of Internet privileges for six months. Violation of local, state, or federal laws may lead to prosecution.

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